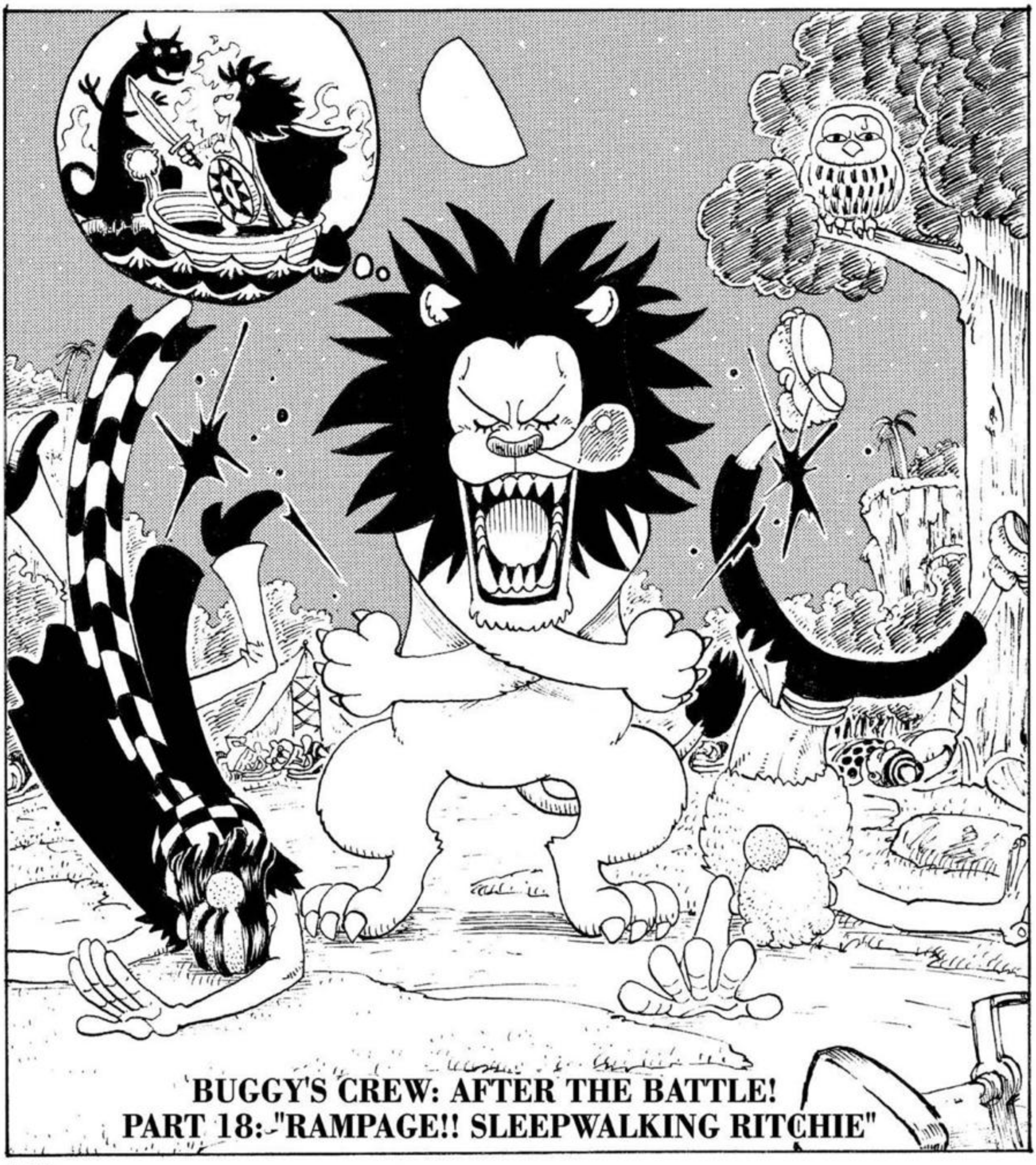
Chapter 59:
SANJI'S DEBT



WOOOO

REPAYING A DEBT!!?

RESTAURANT

BARATIE

IF YOU HADN'T EATEN YOUR OWN FOOT FOR MY SAKE, YOU'D NEVER HAVE LOST TO THESE FOOLS!!

WOBBLE

WHO DID WHOM THE FAVOR?

WOBBLE

I'M NOT SO PATHETIC THAT I NEED A BABY EGGPLANT TO PROTECT ME!!

SANJI!! I DON'T WANT ANY FAVORS.

SO *THAT'S* WHY HE'S SO PROTECTIVE OF THIS GRUB JOINT...

SO SANJI WOULDN'T STARVE.

CHEF ATE HIS FOOT...

WOOOO

SANJI LOOKS SHAKY!!

WOOO

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WHO'D A THUNK THAT THOSE TWO, WHO FIGHT LIKE CATS 'N' DOGS, HAD SUCH A BOND?

HE WAS PAYING CHEF BACK!!

WHY DID YOU GET UP, SANJI!!?

WHY...

WOO

YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY WIN, YOU KNOW!!?

SO YOU WANT SOME MORE OF PEARL'S SURPRISES!!!

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!!

AM I WRONG, DON KRIEG !!?

AND WHATEVER THE PRIZE, THE WINNER CRUSHES THE COM-PETITION!!

IN THIS WORLD, IT'S WINNER TAKE ALL!! LOSERS GET NOTHING!!

DO

NO, THAT'S TRUE.

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RIGHT, GIN !!?

SO WHY ARE YOU STANDING UP!? YOU'RE JUST WASTING YOUR STRENGTH.

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WE'RE GONNA CRUSH YOU AND THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT.

YOU'RE THE CLEAR LEADER IN RUTH-LESSNESS!!

I DON'T EVEN NEED TO ASK...

THIS PLACE CAN REMAIN A RESTAU-RANT.

SO THAT, FOR ONE MOMENT LONGER...

SMIRK

DOES THAT GUY WANT TO DIE !!?

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...!!!

THAT CRAP-PUNK...

DOUBLE-CHECK PEARL...

FROM NOW ON, THIS IS A PIRATE SHIP!!

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BUT IT'S CLOSING TIME FOR THIS DIVE!!

HAH!! YOUR WORDS ARE SLICKER 'N POLISHED SILVER!!

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KLANG!!!

...SUR-PRISE!!!

TH-UMP!!

OOF!

YIKES!!! HIS FIRE'S GETTING BIG AGAIN!!

OW, HOT!!

SANJI!!!

IT'S TOO HOT!!

PEARL! PUT OUT YOUR FIRE! WHAT GOOD'S A BURNT SHIP!!?

SPLASH

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THIS TIME IT'LL REACH THE RESTAURANT FOR SURE!!!

FWOOSH

...!!

WOO

YOU CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS! IF YOU DON'T MIND THE OLD MAN DYING, THAT IS!!

HA HA HA HA HA HA !!!

ERRRGH!

...!!!

READ THIS WAY

STOP IT, FOOL!!! DON'T INTER-FERE!!

!

AAAAH!!!

WHOOO

WA-KOOS

...BATTLE-AX!!!!

RESTAURANT

BARATIE

!!!?

READ THIS WAY

WAAAAAH!

HE SHAT-TERED IT!!!

THE FIN !!!

GIN!! BLOW A HOLE IN ZEFF'S HEAD !!!

THOOM

RESTAURANT BAR

THAT KID'S UP TO SOME-THING !!!

CHORE BOY! WHAT WERE YOU THINKING!!!

ALL I DID WAS BUST THE FIN.

HEY, I NEVER TOUCHED YOU GUYS!!

BUT...

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WHAT !!?

I'M GOING TO SINK THIS SHIP.

WHAT DID HE JUST SAY!!!

WHAT !!?

SINK THE SHIP !!?

RESTAURANT

BARATIE

DON'T JOKE ABOUT THAT!!

THAT SHIP IS OURS!!

GRAAAH

THAT'S NOT FUNNY !!!

QUIT STALLING AND KILL ZEFF!!!

GIN !!!

...!!!

WAP...!

BUT IF I SINK IT, THEY'VE GOT NO PRIZE.

DON'T YOU REALIZE WHY I'VE SLAVED AWAY ALL THIS TIME ON THIS SHIP!?

ARE YOU CRAZY, YOU CRAP-KID!?

...!!

SO YOU'RE GONNA DIE FOR THIS SHIP?

THAT'S STUPID !!

WHAP!

WHAT !?

YOU COULD NEVER UNDER-STAND!!

MY ENORMOUS DEBT... AND THE WAY I FEEL ABOUT THIS SHIP...

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GETTING KILLED IS NO WAY TO REPAY YOUR DEBT!!!

...SO YOU COULD THROW IT AWAY !!

?

HE DIDN'T SAVE YOUR LIFE...

HOW ELSE CAN I STOP THEM FROM TAKING ZEFF'S SHIP!!?

ONLY A COWARD WOULD DO THAT!!!

IT WAS YOUR MIS-FORTUNE TO MEET UP WITH...

DON KRIEG'S PIRATES.

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NOW STOP SQUAB-BLING, YOU TWO.

NOT WHEN WE'VE GOT OUR HOSTAGE!!

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THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO NOW!

KLUNK...!

!

...THIS FIRE PEARL !!!

KLANG!!

!

NOW BURN AND DIE WITH...

...!!

WHA--
!!?

WHOA

!!!

GIN
!!!?

KOFF...

WH-
WHY!!?
G-GIN!!?

SORRY, PEARL. STEP ASIDE.

WHY'D YOU HIT PEARL !!?

GIN!!

HOW DARE YOU BETRAY ME !!?

GIN, YOU SWINE !!

KLuNK!

I'M SORRY, DON KRIEG.

BUT AFTER ALL, WE BOTH OWE SANJI OUR LIVES.

HUH !?

DOM!

I'LL SEND HIM TO THE GRAVE WITH MY OWN HANDS.

YOU REALLY WERE GOING TO SINK THE SHIP!!!

DON'T LIE!!!

SEE, IT ALL WORKED OUT.

PHEW!

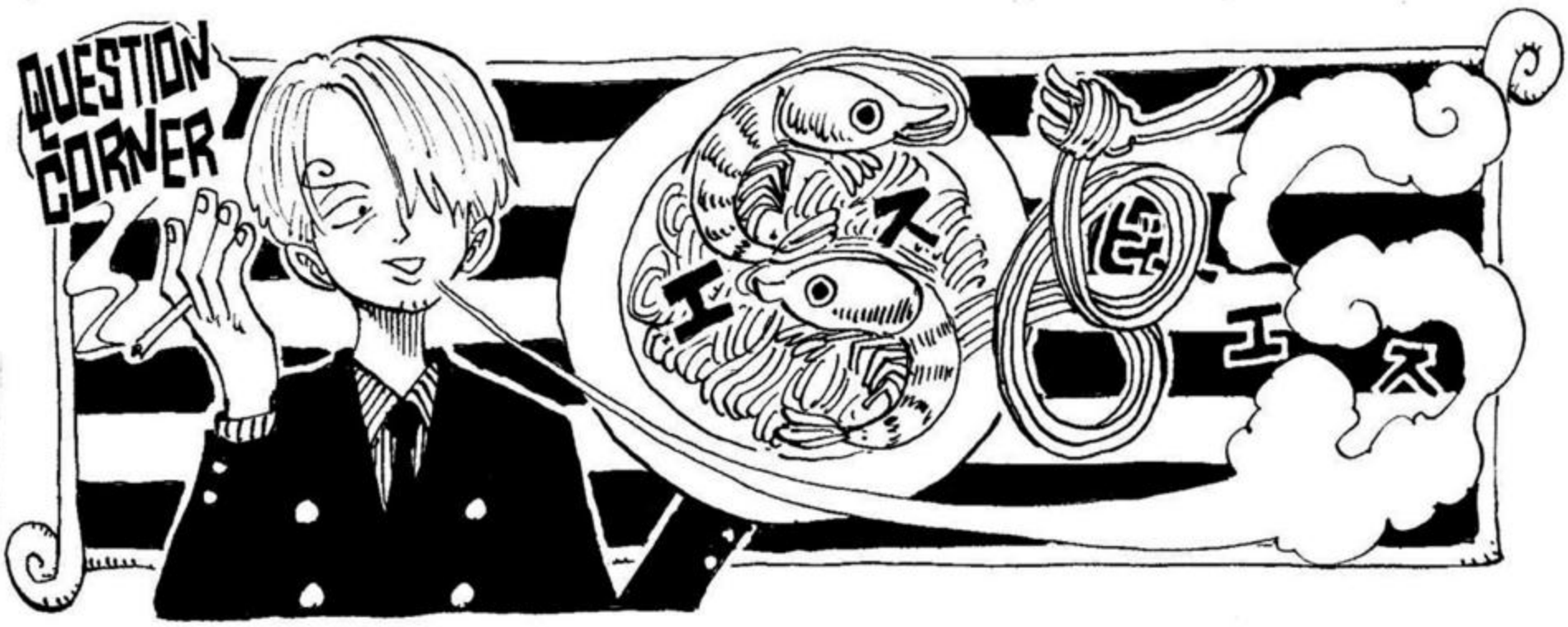
My Lure-Out Strategy

SO HE'S NOT JUST A FLUN-KY...

TH-THAT GUY SHATTERED INVINCIBLE PEARL'S CANNONBALL-PROOF SHIELD!

BATTLE COMMANDER OF THE PIRATE ARMADA?

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND, GIN...



Q: Did you know that Koby's father is the world champion of jumping rope?

A: Really? I didn't know that. Koby's dad is very impressive...

Q: Is it true that Klahadore has a pet mammoth?

A: Really? I didn't know that either. Was there one at the mansion?

Q: What are your selection criteria for Usopp's Pirate Crew Gallery?

A: Naturally, I consider skill, how interesting it is, style...But the most important thing is the spirit you convey in the postcard. Yeah.

Q: The other day while I was working at the fruit stand, this smart-aleck kid said, "You don't have Gum-Gum fruit? What a dork." If a kid like that comes again, what should I say? Please tell me. (I'm serious.)

A: In a case like that, each character would probably respond as follows:

Makino: "You're right, I'm sorry we don't stock it." (Be an adult and let it pass.)

Shanks: "Ha ha ha ha ha!! You're 10 years too young for a devil fruit!!" (Taunt him.)

Luffy: "I'll send you flying, right now." (No mercy.)

Try whichever approach you like--but don't hold me responsible.

Q: Please do a character popularity poll!!

A: Well, I won't be doing it in the comic book, but I did it in *Weekly Shonen Jump* and the results are in, so I'll present them on page 148.

(I think this poll was taken two or three weeks after *Chapter 49: Storm* came out.)